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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Wireless phone rates, while having gone down in recent years, are still quite expensive. In the current economic climate, every dollar counts. For some, a cell phone is a necessary indulgence that can barely be afforded, which is why some have chosen to go the pre-paid wireless route. Adding an additional dollar per month, which may seem like a pittance, can still mean the difference between being able to afford cell phone service or not for some.

Please re-think your rate hike proposal. It is unfair, unwarranted and can result in a loss of revenue for the service providers, which would mean even less regulatory revenue for your agency.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Luke Easter  
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members